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News & Stories

Ana McKenna Named Interim Director of Easterseals NH Military & Veterans Campus

Following nearly 30 years of service in the US Army, NH National Guard, and as a national director for military counseling services, Ana McKenna has been named Interim Director of Easterseals NH Military & Veterans Campus in Franklin.

The **Easterseals NH Military & Veterans Campus** recently added to the campus team with two retreat center events and hospitality coordinators, Candy King and Ally Wong.

Learn more about Ana and the Easterseals NH Military & Veterans Campus by [visiting our website](#).



[Learn more about the Easterseals NH Military & Veterans Campus](#)

Melissa Fosters Community as a Shared Living Provider



Our **Shared Living Residential Services** provide enhanced family care to help individuals with intellectual disabilities and acquired brain injuries achieve stability, well-being, and fulfillment within their communities. The services are specifically tailored to meet the unique needs of each individual we support. Melissa provides for two individuals, Sue and Marquis.

"It's truly rewarding to see them happy, especially when we are out in the community engaging in activities that I know they wouldn't have been able to before," said Melissa of Madbury, NH, who has served as a home care provider for more than five years. "I also feel like it's really rounded out my family, and I've seen a lot of growth from my own children as well."

Read the full story and watch our video by [visiting our website](#). If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a shared living provider, please contact us.

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Be the Difference—Join a Team That Makes Real-Life Impacts!



Karin Linden, Director of Clinical Services, Easterseals NH, says the heart of her work is the people.

Why does Karin Linden, Director of Clinical Services, recommend a career at Gammon Academy? When she first joined **Easterseals NH Gammon Academy** in July 2020, arriving on her first day having never seen the building due to COVID precautions, she was guided by one thing: mission.

“I was so impressed by the mission and the team members I talked to that I took the leap,” she recalls. That leap has since led her from clinician to Director of Clinical Services, a role she describes as deeply meaningful.

[Learn more about](#) Karin's journey at Easterseals NH.

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Gretchen Cook Receives President’s Meritorious Award



Honoring Excellence—Gretchen Cook (left), Director of Residential & Educational Services and Operations at Easterseals NH’s Gammon Academy in Lancaster, received the President’s Meritorious Award at the agency’s Annual Celebration breakfast from Maureen Beauregard (right), President & CEO.

Gretchen Cook, who oversees Easterseals NH's Gammon Academy in Lancaster, recently received the **President's Meritorious Award**, an honor bestowed annually by peers upon one employee who exemplifies the agency's mission and values.

Cook formally accepted the award at Easterseals NH & VT's 2025 Annual Celebration breakfast in Manchester, NH. Under her leadership, Easterseals NH's Gammon Academy in Lancaster supports both residential and day students of all ages with intellectual, developmental, or learning disabilities.

A longstanding community partner also received formal recognition for their contributions during the event. The **Mary Gale Foundation** has provided support to Easterseals NH since 2005 and continues to provide funding for many local projects and services that improve the lives of low-income women. Charlie Goodwin and Ellie Cochran presented the **David P. Goodwin Lifetime Commitment Award** on behalf of their father. Thank you to the Mary Gale Foundation for their longtime support.

[Learn More About Gretchen's Recognition](#)

Easterseals VT Supports Families Through *Basic Needs & Hygiene Drive*

Easterseals VT's St. Johnsbury office is hosting a Basic Needs & Hygiene Drive to support local families working toward stability and wellness.

Our team partners with parents and caregivers every day as they navigate financial challenges and strive to provide safe, nurturing environments for their children.

We're collecting essential items for infants, children, and families with limited access to basic resources. There's still time to support the drive through our Gift Drive link:

<https://giftdrive.org/drive/257>



[Participate in Easterseals VT's Gift Drive](#)

Upcoming Events



NHSA Ride-In
Benefitting Easterseals NH Camp Sno-Mo
February 6-8, 2026
Town & Country Inn, Shelburne, NH

Join the NH snowmobile clubs in their support of Camp Sno-Mo for the 2026 Ride-In!

We are looking for auction donations, volunteers, and participants for this exciting weekend event.

For more information about the Ride-In, please visit the [Sled NH website](#).

Check Out Our Digital Annual Report

Throughout Fiscal Year 2025, we've continued to invest in people, systems, and programs aligned with our core goals: **Serve Our Clients, Strengthen Our Organization, Engage Our Community, and Advocate for Our Cause.**

Your contributions made 2025 an outstanding year, **INSPIRING POSSIBILITIES!**

- 16,372 children, families, adults, seniors, and Veterans served across 2 states
- \$2,410,455 raised in total public support
- \$8,242,043 provided in free and reduced-price services

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